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SUBJ: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION JAN 13 ON EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL

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1. SPC HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL ON JAN 13.
 2. ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM), IN INTRODUCING SUBJ, NOTED PROBABILITY THAT EAST WILL RAISE THIS PROPOSAL AGAIN EARLY IN THE NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION, WHICH BEGINS IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR EARLY GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON THE DEFINITIVE ALLIED POSITION.
 3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ALSO STRESSED THE TIME PRESSURE AND THE NEED TO HAVE AN ALLIED POSITION SOON. HIS AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THE EASTERN PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE, AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING DRAWN INTO A LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER SIDE
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ON THE BASIS OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL. RATHER, HIS AUTHORITIES WANT TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE IN VIENNA AND USE THE EASTERN PROPOSAL TO FURTHER ESSENTIAL ALLIED AIMS IN MBFR. FRG DOES NOT WANT A FORMAL COUNTERPROPOSAL, SINCE THIS WOULD RUN THE

RISK OF LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST ON THE BASIS OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL. UK REP (LOGAN) ASKED IF FRG SIMPLY WANTED TO AVOID AN ALLIED PROPOSAL OF TREATY LANGUAGE, OR IF FRG WANTED TO AVOID ANY FORMAL COUNTERPROPOSAL WHATEVER. FRG REP REPLIED THAT FRG DID NOT WANT TO TABLE A PROPOSAL IN THE FORM OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL, AND DID NOT WANT A COUNTERPROPOSAL AS FORMAL AS THE UK COUNTER-PROPOSAL. THE FRG DID WANT TO SUBMIT A LIST OF POINTS, THE EASTERN PROPOSAL WOULD BE VALUELESS, PERHAPS USING AS POINT OF DEPARTURE EXISTING NAC GUIDANCE. IF THE OTHER SIDE WERE READY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS BASIS, THE ALLIES WOULD BE ALSO.

4. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID THAT THE LIST SUGGESTED BY THE FRG WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONTAIN POINTS THE OTHER SIDE WOULD HAVE TO REJECT. HE ASKED HOW SUCH A LIST WOULD PUT THE ALLIES ANY FURTHER AHEAD WITH PUBLIC OPINION. FRG REP REPLIED THAT FRG OPINION SUPPORTS THE PRESENT ALLIED POSITION. IF LIST CONTAINED ELEMENTS OF THAT POSITION, AND THE EAST REJECTED IT, FRG OPINION WOULD UNDERSTAND.

5. SPC SCHEDULED NEXT DISCUSSION OF EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL FOR THURSDAY, JAN 16. ACTING CHAIRMAN URGED THAT IN VIEW OF TIME PRESSURE, NATO DELEGATIONS REQUEST THEIR CAPITALS TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THIS ISSUE.

6. COMMENT: FRG REP CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO INQUIRE WHETHER MISSION HAD INSTRUCTIONS YET ON DEFINITIVE ALLIED REACTION TO EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL. HE POINTED OUT, AS HE DID LAST WEEK (REFTEL), BONN'S INTEREST IN US VIEWS, AND HE SAID BONN WOULD LIKE TO TAKE US VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION IN FURTHER DEVELOPING ITS IDEAS IN SPC. FRG REP'S INTERVENTION AT THIS SPC MEETING WAS ALONG SAME LINES AS PREVIOUS FRG POSITION, EXCEPT IN ITS SOMEWHAT STRONGER CRITICISM OF THE UK VERSION OF A COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL BY JAN 15, IN ORDER TO AFFORD MISSION AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION WITH FRG AND OTHER REPS. BRUCE

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